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For: OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

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REMARKS

I. Claims

Claims 1, 4-7, 13, and 15 are all the claims currently pending in the application. All pending claims, 1, 4-7, 13, and 15, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Kaku et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,751,695 ("Kaku") in view of Hueton et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,459,325 ("Hueton") or Shiba et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,195,070 ("Shiba"). Applicant notes that the Examiner states that Claims 1-3, 7, 13, 10-12, and 14 are rejected under §103(a), and then mentions Claims 1, 4-7, 13, and 15 in the body of the rejection. Applicant believes that